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INHIBITORY FACTOR IN THE
TREATMENT OF DISEASES
INVOLVING CYTOKINE-
MEDIATED TOXICITY

Attorney Docket No.: 7815-008

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER RULE 115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 1996,
and pursuant to the Examiner's Communication dated October 25,
1996, please consider the following election and remarks.
Applicants submit herewith a Petition To Extend Time for
responding to the Office Action for four months from
September 20, 1996 to January 20, 1997, accompanied by the
appropriate fee.

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In the Office Action, dated August 20, 1996, the Examiner required restriction of the claims to Groups I-VI, Group I further subdivided into Groups Ia, Ib and Ic.


During a teleconference with the Examiner on October 24, 1996, the Applicants traversed the requirement for restriction, and in the alternative, requested a modification so that Groups Ia, Ib, Ic, III, IV and V are combined. The Examiner agreed that for purposes of restriction, the claims of Groups Ia, Ib, Ic, III, IV and V could be properly combined, as reflected in the Communication dated October 25, 1996.

The Applicants hereby elect the Claims of Groups Ia, Ib, Ic, III, IV and V (Claims 63, 64, 80-82, 84-90) as combined by the Examiner. Claims 83 and 91-93 covering non-elected subject matter are canceled without prejudice to the Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter in other applications.

Entry of the following remarks is respectfully requested.
An early allowance is earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,

Date January 17, 1997


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